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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10, 12-16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 11, 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cho et al.(6,633,558).

With regards to claim 1, Cho teaches a method comprising: receiving channel observation information (Abstract lines 4-8), computing at least

one parameter for distributed control (Abstract lines 8-9), said computing being based at least in part on said channel observation information and transmitting said at least one parameter for distributed control. (Abstract lines 9-12).

Claim 2 is rejected because Cho teaches a method wherein said at least one parameter for distributed control includes at least one parameter (access slot), wherein said distribution parameter relates to distributing traffic among at least a basic access channel (reverse access channel) and a reserved access channel (reserving access slots on the reserve access channel).

Claim 3 is rejected because Cho teaches a method wherein said channel observation information relates at least in part to activity on said basic access channel (length of transmission data).

Claim 4 is rejected because Cho teaches a method wherein a time dimension of said basic access channel is divided into a series of adjacent non-overlapping slots(Fig. 5, TS), and wherein said channel observation relates to at least in part to activity on said basic access channel during a predetermined one of said slots. (Determine available slots).

Claims 7-10 are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-4 because the node interface transmitter is configured to perform the method steps in claims 1-4 and the base station in Cho has a transmitter as well as a receiver.

Claims 13-16 are rejected for the same reasons as claims 7-10 and 1-4 because the system in Cho comprises a base station which has both a transmitter arranged and a receiver. The at least one parameter from distributed control is taught by Cho(Abstract lines 8-9), the at least one of a plurality of nodes are the mobile stations, the basic access channel(reverse access channel).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6, 12, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over. Cho et al.(6,633,558) in view of Wright et al.(6,240,083)

With regards to Claims 6, 12, 18 Cho fails to teach retransmission parameter(positive ACK) by the base station. This is taught by

Wright(Abstract lines 24-28). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Cho with Wright for the purpose of implementing retransmission in Cho. The motivation being to implement error recovery.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19-26 are allowed.

Claims 5, 11, 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth N Vanderpuye whose telephone number is 703-308-7828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:30-5:00) Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Olms can be reached on 703-305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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